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Dear Colleagues,

RUN the virtual 2027 London marathon for Field Studies Council!

We are seeking participants that are interested in taking part in the virtual MyWay marathon, which will take place during the London Marathon weekend on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2027.

The Double TCS London Marathon MyWay allows thousands of people to take part in the world's biggest marathon from wherever they are, at the same time as the mass event in London. In line with the Double, charities can purchase entries **for either the Saturday or Sunday**. Participants must complete their marathon on the day for which you purchase entries.

You can take part on **Saturday 24 April 2027** or **Sunday 25 April 2027 depending** on the day you purchase charity entries for. Each event day runs from **00:00:00** to **23:59:59**, giving participants the full day to complete their 26.2 miles. **Please note that this is the virtual event**, not the main Double TCS London Marathon.

We will cover the £40 entry fee and provide advice and support with your fundraising journey, along with a branded running t-shirt and opportunities to promote your fundraising page to our supporters. You will also receive an official medal from London Marathon upon completion. We ask that you commit to raising a minimum of £200 for Field Studies Council.

If you would like to take part in the virtual MyWay marathon, or have any further questions, please contact Elise in the fundraising team (e.ilott@field-studies-council.org) **by Friday 4th September**.

Leisure Programme Success

Our leisure programme continues to go from strength to strength, with leisure income currently 18.6% higher than in 2025, surpassing our target for the year and with further opportunities still ahead this autumn. A heartfelt thanks to marketing and all our centre teams for the huge amount of work that goes into promoting, planning, feeding, hosting and delivering our summer leisure events.

Your hard work is making a real difference and is contributing directly to this positive result.

National Dog Day Reminder

National Dog Day is on Wednesday 26th August and if you'd like your dog to take part in our Field Studies Council Dog Employees reel, please email marketing@field-studies-council.org with video footage of your dog. Videos need to be taken on a mobile phone and in portrait style. Footage can be of dogs undertaking their role of wellbeing support, office clowns, lunchtime walk leaders or explorers of potential fieldwork sites. Please send your dog videos in by Monday 24th August 9am.

Special Mention

Jenny Lewis will shortly be celebrating 20 years of working for the Field Studies Council at Amersham Field Centre. During that time she has been a tutor, senior tutor and more recently Education Team Leader.

Jenny has worked with thousands of school children during this time and has impressed colleagues by how passionate she is in her work, not just about Amersham and the wonderful things it offers but how important nature connection is, particularly for those less fortunate and those who don't always have access to the outdoors. She has been a huge advocate for all those people and inspires the staff she works with and everyone who visits the centre.

Here's Jenny (on the right) showcasing the work of the centre to local MP Sarah Green. Thank you, Jenny, for all your hard work and for everything you have done for Amersham and the wider Field Studies Council.



Welcome to Field Studies Council

Alison Dyvig has joined the team at Flatford Mill as Hospitality & Catering Assistant

Olly Millman has joined the team at Bishops Wood as Tutor

GCSE results released in England and Wales

Finally, a personal note. Today is GCSE results day for many families across the country. To colleagues whose children are collecting their results, I know it can be a day filled with anticipation, pride and perhaps a few nerves. I know we all wish every student the very best and congratulate them on reaching this important milestone. Whatever the results, they should be proud of the commitment and perseverance that have got them this far.

Best regards

Mark

